

Tri-County JSEC Meeting
Thursday, July 30, 2009

Present: Kerry Bruner, Richard Montz, Jim Davison, Marilyn Ohman, Al Maurillo, Maureen Connor, and Shirley Cortright.

Minutes Approved: Couple of typing errors noted. Jim moved to approve minutes with the errors corrected, Kerry seconded minutes approved.

Treasurer Report: Balance \$1,368.45 with no outstanding bills at this time.

Corporation/Tax Exempt Status: Jackie was unable to attend the meeting today due to a scheduling conflict. Discussed questions Jackie had just to complete the first of 19 pages. We don't believe we are incorporated and may need to do this. Maureen suggested the board authorize Jackie to get us ready to file for incorporation. Al mentioned that Livingston just completed this so maybe we could get copies of their applications, etc so we can make the process simpler. Suggested we have Jackie check on fees and report back on this at the next meeting for both State and Federal.

12 Danger Zones Series: Discussed the possibility of JSEC Sponsoring this series and possibly offering at not cost in each community as part of a brown bag lunch. We discussed the possibility of also offering this series in the future for an Adult Education class. Shirley will draft something up and get input from everyone. We will look at starting the series in September from noon to 1:00 pm in the Deer Lodge and Anaconda areas twice a month. Wednesday is possibly the best day in Anaconda but need to avoid the Chamber Meeting day. Not sure on a good day for Deer Lodge but Shirley will inquire with Bob Toole and get his input. Jim suggested we provided lunch using the JSEC funds and ask for a \$5.00 donation to cover the costs. We will look into getting some articles in the papers in each area and also doing a mailing. It was discussed and we decided to start with the first three topics at this time. Shirley will inquire about using the Library in Deer Lodge and possibilities for Anaconda are Hearststone, Anaconda Chamber or the meeting room in our building.

Workshop: The Anaconda Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a workshop on "Marketing with Zero or Shoestring Budget" copy of the brochure was provided to everyone. Really need to market this workshop in our Tri-County areas, regionally and even statewide. Topic should be very appropriate for most businesses at this time as budgets are tight due to the economy. Shirley will get a revised brochure and send it out to everyone.

Business Needs/Advice for Job Service: Jim Davison has a need for phone etiquette video or training for their HRC Youth they have working in their office. Shirley will check our resources and try to get something to Jim as soon as possible. Jim also noted that the power plant is under construction. Maureen indicated she was happy to see their unemployment rate go down a little bit more. Retail in Philipsburg is going ok, mostly small purchases and not a lot of big gemstone type purchases. Contractors are really having a tuff time. Jim asked if their contractors in Philipsburg are on the federal lists so they can bid on contracts. Marilyn noted that the Community Management Team is hosting Resource Fairs that will have all of our partners that will set up booths in each community. Sessions will be offered from 3:00 – 7:00 pm starting in October on the following dates 7th, 14th, and 21st. Al mentioned that Steve Beck offers a really fine customer service training. Kerry shared that things at the Prison are good. They went from

averaging 35 applications to 187 applications and they currently have all officer positions filled and not advertising at this time. Richard indicated things are good at Hearthstone, nearly full. Doing some minor renovations and will be looking for a part time maintenance person. Richard shared the letter from Barb with everyone on the Open House and Neighborhood Networks Center this will be offered to anyone and everyone. Marilyn mentioned the Horizons computer classes that had to be rescheduled. Plans are to offer this in the fall during Adult Education classes.

Next Meeting Thursday, August 27th and will look at scheduling the September meeting on a Friday instead so Cal can attend.